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(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Mark V. Peckham et al.

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For: SELF-ADJUSTING PRINTED CIRCUIT  
BOARD SUPPORT AND METHOD OF  
USE

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Examiner: P. D. Kim

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the election of species requirement mailed on January 13, 2005, Applicants hereby elect "Species A, drawn for providing a pair of outer rails and a mid-element between the pair of outer rails." Applicants are submitting concurrently herewith a Second Preliminary Amendment which cancels claim 32 and adds new claims 33-39. Claims 31 and 33-39 are currently pending in the application. Applicants submit that all of the pending claims read on the elected species.

Applicants' election is made without prejudice. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141.

An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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